

REMARKS

Claims 1-10 have been amended to recite a "method" to better conform to U.S. practice. Support for these claims is found in the specification at, for example, page 1, lines 5-25, page 2, lines 14-30, page 4, line 5 - page 5, line 23; in Examples 1-6; and in original claims 1-10, respectively. See *In re Gardner*, 177 USPQ 396, 397 (CCPA 1973) and MPEP §§ 608.01(o) and (I) (8th ed. Rev. 3, August 2005, pp. 600-89 and 600-81).

Claims 3-7 and 16-18 have been amended to remove multiple dependencies to minimize filing fees and to better conform to U.S. practice.

Claims 19 and 20 have been added to present subject matter previously presented as "preferable" in claims 3 and 5, respectively. Support for these claims is found in the specification at, for example, page 1, lines 5-25, page 2, lines 14-30, page 4, line 5 - page 5, line 23; in Examples 1-4 and 6; and in original claims 3 and 5, respectively. See *id.*

It is submitted that no new matter has been introduced by the foregoing amendments. Approval and entry of the amendments are respectfully solicited.

Favorable action on the merits including entry of the Preliminary Amendment prior to examination on the merits and allowance of all the claims, respectfully, is requested. If the Examiner has any questions regarding this paper, please contact the undersigned attorney.

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